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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 27, 1900.

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BRYAN STILL FULL OF HOPE

Plans for the Future Are Hinted at in a Speech at a Jefferson Banquet.

PRESIDENCY DESIRABLE

He Believes That in the White House He Could Have Aided Many Reforms-As an Editor, However, Some Intellectual Enjoyment Can Be Had in Conjunction with All the Pleasures of Home-Bimetallists Advised Not to Give Up.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 26.-The annual banquet of the Jefferson club, of Lincoln, tonight at the Lincoln hotel brought together nearly 300 represen tative men of the Democratic and Populist parties of Nebraska, together with a number of leaders from other states. William J. Bryan made his first appearance at a public gathering since the election, and the greeting ac corded him was never more hearty and spontaneous in his home city. His address received the closest attention and the applause was frequent. Aside from the remarks of Mr. Bryan, the event of the evening was the speech of John W. Kern, defeated Democratic candidate for governor of Indiana, who aroused the banqueters to a high pitch of enthusiasm, not only by his laudation of Mr. Bryan but by his outspoken criticism of those Democrats whom he accused of contributing to his (Bryan's) defeat. His denunciations of Demo-crats who offered "gratuitous counsel to Democracy," though he mentioned no names, was accepted by the crowd as a reference to former Presiden Cleveland.

It was after 10 o'clock when the dinuer was finished and the speaking be gan. Mr. Bryan, whose subject was "Principles Live," said, in part:

Five Times a Candidate.

this banquet, surrounded by neighbors in have been my friends for ten years, in my be pardoned for saying a word of a perrai nature. Five times you have voted for for public office-twice for congress one the United States senate and twice for presidency-and no candidate ever received were leval support than you have given.

Whether I ever shall be a candidate for office again is a question which must be determined iv events. No one can speak with certainly of the future for one's destiny is not known until his life's work is completed. I shall be outent if it is my lot to aid in the trium if the principles while others enjoy the he ors and bear the responsibility of office The holding of public office should be a incident and not the extreme aim of the citi zer. It should not be an end, but the mean

Presidency Desirable.

The presidency seemed desirable because would have enabled me to give effective aid to certain reforms which I believe to be necessary to the public welfare, but defeat-even work is to advocate rather than to execut-The Commoner will give me an opportunity to participate in public discussion and I am sure that an editorial pursait will furnish as much intellectual enjoyment as I could have found in the white house, and in addition thereto will give me more time for home

The believers in tariff reform did not abandon their faith when the high tariff decrine was on their cause suffered loss. The advocates of the gold standard continued the fight for monometal lism for twenty-five years in spite of the platform declarations of all parties in favor of a double standard. Shall we who believe in bi-mtallism lose courage because our opponents have profited by an increased volume of money thus admitting the economic principles fo which we have been contending.

Shall We Give Up? The defenders of trusts did not lose hear

when all parties denounced combinations in restraint of trade. Shall we give up the fight be-cause monopoly, has trimaphed by stealth. Must we now advocate an imperial policy because our opponents have wen a victory by denying that they are imperialists? A colonial system involves a surrender of our theory of government and the peo-ple will understand this as soon as the system is put into operation. If we were to consult our immediate convenience and comfort we would never oppose virong of any kind, for al warfare involves a temporary sacrifice, but this is our government and must be transmitted unimpaired to posterity. We have no choice, there fore, but to stand steadfast, come what may.

If we are successful in diverting present tendencies and in carrying the governments to its old foundations we shall rejoice in the victory and profit by the reforms secured. I am confident that we shall oftimately win, but if the frend toward platocrary cannot be checked, it is

Mr. Kern's Remarks.

still better that we should be defeated in a right-eous undertaking than that we should join hands

those who are ignoring the inalienable

John W. Kern, of Indiana, spoke to the toast "The Rank and File" H:

The Democracy of Hendricks was the Democ racy of the Kaneas City convention. If living his voice would have rung out in the last can-paign in behalf of those principles always dear to his heart. But while the Democratic party is still the conservative party as it was in the days of Hendricks, it is as ready now as then to strive to find common ground upon which will Democrats who believe in constitutional government stand in coming conflicts. It is today holding no parley with deserters. Its ears are closed against words of advice gratuit-ously offered by alleged Democrats who vote the Republican ticket, or by those in the great strug-ble of 1900 who withheld both vote and voice from the cause of the people and could see in

Olney, David B. Hill, Bourke Cockran, John DeWitt Warner, Robert E. Pat tison, Alex. K. McClute, Arthur P Gorman, Henry Watterson and other gold Democrats for their course in the late campaign, and 'their patriotic protests against the advance of the

hosts of imperialism," and continued: It is in no spirit of bitterness, however, I add that there were a few men once prominent in Cork Harbor, twelve persons.

Democratic ranks, who in the midst of all the on board being drowned

stormy scenes of this mighty contest remained unmoved and silent, except that now and ther they took occasion to furnish aid and comfort to the enemy by making public dental that they were in sympathy with the cause of the people, or to express their regrets that such "painful and distressing" issues were before the people. For the sake of the future welfare of the party For the sake of the future welfare of the party I shall attempt no harsh criticism of the course of these gentlemen, but I will not forbear saying here and everywhere that they need not be surprised if any gratuitous counsel which they may seek to thrust upon the millions of loyal Democrats who fought the good fight and kept the faith shall fall upon reluctant cars.

The speaker asserted that the rank and file of the party in 1900 was the same rank and file voting for bimetallism reform in 1884, 1888 and 1892.

The other speakers and their toasts "Commercialism a Menace to Liberty," W. H. Morning, Lincoln "The Press," R. L. Metcalfe, Omaha; "What Fusion Has Done for Nebraska," Governor W. A. Poynter; "Our Friends at Home and Abroad," Rev. T. W. Cheeseman, Ashland; "The Drama of Politics," Congressman A. C. Shalenberger; "Reorganization," David Overmeyer, Kansas: "The Reorganization Hypocrisy," Charles K. Ladd, Illinois.

Mr. Bryan will leave tomorrow for a tour in Kansas and Texas, combined with which will be a hunting trip on the Gulf of Mexico, near Galveston. He will return in time to speak at Omaha, January 7, and at Chicago, January 8.

CONTRACT SIGNED.

Cramps Have Received Notice That They Are to Build Cruiser for Turkey.

by Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 26,-Charles H. 'ramp, when seen today, said: "We have received a cablegram from

General Williams informing us of the signing of the contract with the Turkish minister of marine for the construction of a first-class cruiser. The provisions of the contract we do not know, nor can I say just when work on the cruiser will begin or when it is to be completed. General Williams is now on his way home, and he is expected to arrive here in about fifteen days. We will then be better able to know more about the contract."

DAMAGE TO PACIFIC SHIPPING. Recent Gales Were Disastrous-Ship

Carl Waterlogged. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 26,-Each tugboat arriving from Care Flattery brings fresh news of marine disasters and damage to shipping along the coast. The German ship Carl, wheat laden,

bound from Tacoma for Europe, was towed to Port Angeles yesterday in a water-logged condition. After passing out of the Straits of Puca the Carl encountered a gale, which continued for several days, and she was so roughly handled that the stanchious of the bulwarks were pulled out. As the great waves swept her decks

the water poured in so rapidly that the pumps could not keep her clear. The wheat became saturated and the ship settled so rapidly that it became necessary to jettison a portion of the cargo. She will be taken to the Esquimault (B. C.) dry dock,

ARBITRATORS DECIDE.

The Trouble Between Kingston Coal Company and Employes Settled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 26.-The board of arbitrators, consisting of T. D. Nicholls, representing the miners; Corne llus Cronin, representing the company, and Professor Griffith, superintendent of the public schools of Nanticoke, have arbitrated the differences existing between the Kingston Coal company and its 1,500 employes and both sides have signed a paper to abide by the result.

The arbitrators decided that in the future each car of coal mined should onsist of 103 cubic feet of coal. The petition of the men that Thomas Morgan, one of the foremen, be discharged will be arbitrated tomorrow.

WARSHIP BOUND FOR PANAMA.

British Cruiser Ordered There on Account of Colombian Troubles.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. San Diego, Cal., Dec. 26 .- The cruiser Phaeton of the British Pacific squadron has put in here on her way from Esquimault to Panama, whither was ordered on account of the Colomblan revolution and the disturbances

which may follow it. It was not the intention to stop a this port, but one of the sailors is suffering from a fractured leg and will be left here.

Enterprise Strike Ended.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 26.—The strike at Enter prise colliery was ended today by all mineragreeing to pay their laborers the 10 per cent. increase. In case a miner in the future refuse to pay his helper the company will discharge the former. Operations will be resumed tomorrow. None of the collieries hereabouts worked the holiday festivities,

Devery Wants to Be Retired.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 26,-The Evening Telegran says: Report has it at police headquarters to-day that the application of Chief of Police William Devery for retirement is in the hands of Po Chief Devery would have \$3,100 a year for life,

Fight Declared Off.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 26.-William A. Brady this aftermon announced that the light between James J. Jeffries and Gus Ruhlin, scheduled to take place in Cincinnati on February 15, will not be permitted by the authorities of that city.

Twelve Persons Drowned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Queenstown, Dec. 27.—The Japanese govern-ment dredger Sente toundered last evening of

THE BOOZ CASE IS RESUMED

Further Testimony is Heard at the Gourt of Inquiry at West Point.

ALL AGREED ON ONE THING

They Are Confident That There Has Been No Brutality in Any of the of Cadet Breth's Experience with

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. West Point, N. Y., Dec. 26.-After a Christmas recess of three days, the military court of inquiry resumed its investigation of alleged brutal hazing at the West Point Military academy this afternoon. Twelve witnesses were examined by Generals Brooke, Bates and Clous. They were all of the present first class and classmates of former Cadet Breth, of Altoona, Pa. One of them, Cadet Tidball, of Virginia, swore that he had seen Breth exhausted after going through an exercising ordeal in camp in 1897. Some of the men who were hazing Breth gave him whiskey when he became exhausted The witness could only remember one of the hazers and this was Lieutenant

Mumma, who graduated last year. Cadet Russell said that he had heard a cadet being bound hand and foo and placed under a water faucet. He could not youch for the accuracy of his informant and did not remember his name. The witnesses were all questioned as to whether they had held any conversation with other cadets as to the withholding of testimony and they denied that such a thing occurred, They said that, on the contrary, all the cadets were anxious that everything should be told.

Cadet Browne's Testimony.

The first witness called was Cadet B. F. Browne, of Virgina, now a first class. He said that he knew Booz, but did not remember his being ill while at the academy.

Cadet Browne said that he had taken part in "feet inspections," which consisted in dropping hot can'tle grease on the bare feet of fourth class

"Did you know Cadet Breth?" asked General Clous. "Yes sir; he was in my class.

"Did you ever know of his being dropped out of his tent?" "No. sir." "Was he ever put in a straight

"No. sir; I never heard of such a

thing in the academy." "Did you ever see a man braced or exercised to the limit of his power of endurance?" asked General Brooke. "I could not say, sir; but I have seen them pretend to faint in order to be excused from going any further with the exercise."

"What besides bracing do you require fourth class men to do?" inonired General Brooke.

"We have them do ridiculous formations, one of which we call the barn yard.' The men are designated by names of barn yard animals and when they are told to form they imitate the noises made by the animals." "Is any force used?"

"No, sir." "Was Cadet Keller prepared for his fight with Cadet Booz?"

"No, sir; Keller was rather a poor boxer." was the reply Cadet W. D. Smith, of Maryland, was the next witness.

'Did you ever know of a cadet being dragged from his bed and out of his tent to the street?"

There was always bedding under him, sir," was the reply. The witness told, among other

things, of a man being required to stand on his head and while in that position speak a piece and deliver a right hand salute with his left foot. "Was there any brutality in any

way in the hazing you know of?" asked General Brooke. "No. sir; there was no violence or brutality." "Were you exercised yourself?"

asked General Bates. "Yes, sir."

officer." replied the witness.

"Who exercised you?" Penalty of Refusal. "Cadet Herman Glad, who is now an

"Suppose a cadet should refuse to do what he is required?" General Brooke asked Cadet E. M. Shinkle, of Ohlo. "He would be called out, sir. "That means he would have to fight?"

"Yes, sir." Cadet Edward Carfield, jr., of New York, was examined by General Clous. He knew Booz and Breth slightly. The witness said that the Booz-Keller fight was the outcome of a retort Booz made to a cadet while he was on guard duty. What was the retort?

"I think it was 'Go to hell,' sir." "If a cadet were to treat another brutally, what would be his fate?" was General Brooke's next question. "He would be censured by the corps," replied the witness.

Gave Breth Whiskey.

Cadet William Tidball, of Virginia swore that on one occasion when in camp in 1897, Cadet Breth was exhausted from exercising, he saw some of the cadets giving him liquor. "Whiskey?" asked General Brooke.

"Yes, sir." "Can you remember any of the cadets you saw there at that time?"

"Yes, sir; one of them was Lieutenant Mumma, who graduated last year. Cadet George M. Russell, of New Hampshire, said he had exercised Booz and braced him.

"Was Booz hazed more after his fight with Keller?" asked General Clous.

"Have you known of any brutality REPORT OF practiced on fourth class men? "I heard that former Cadet J. J. Fleming had been tied by the hands and feet and placed under a water spigot. I only heard this and don't

know how true it may be." The court adjourned at 6 o'clock, to reconvene at 9 o'clock tomorrow morn-ing.

PROPOSED RAILROAD.

Plan to Extend a Line from Binghamton to Ansonia.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 26 .- The Commercial Advertiser says: "A plan for building a new railroad from Binghamton to Ansonia, Tloga county, Pa is under consideration by eastern capitalists in connection with some Pennsylvania business men. The new line would connect with the Delaware and Various Systems of Torture-Story Hudson, and, in one sense, it would be a new western outlet for that road Close connection would be made with other lines for points in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio.

"Pennsylvania business men who are interested in the scheme to build a new line say that there is sufficient local traffic, both freight and passenger, to maintain such a railroad as is proposed. They declare further-more that the welfare of half a dozen towns in Western Pennsylvania requires immediate increase in railroad facilities. Natural development of these towns, it is ascrted, has been checked because of the lack of prompt ransportation facilities.

BURNED BY BOXERS.

Twenty-one Native Catholic Christians Massacred in the San Ho Territory.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pekin, Dec. 26.-The Rev. Mr. Kelly. the Presbyterian missionary, who, as cabled to the Associated Press yesterday, has reported to Minister Conger the burning by Boxers of nineteen Catholic Christians, now reports having received further confirmation of the burning of native Christians. He now says the number burned is twenty-one, and he adds that thousands of armed Chinese have been seen in the San-Ho country.

Mr. Conger has sent a copy of the communication to Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee, and Japanese and German troops have been sent to investigate the reports.

PAT CROWE IN OMAHA.

Was Seen in the City Twenty Hours Before Cudahy Abduction.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 26.-It is now before the abduction of Eddie Cudahy. On Monday night, December 17, added, that there has been a question conversed with him for nearly an command. hour. Just before they parted Crowe was questioned about his future plans, and laughingly replied:

"Oh, I have something big on; you'll hear from me soon." At the time this was viewed as an

idle boast. It is stated that until shortly before the Cudahy abduction Crowe was engaged in the dairy business with his brother-in-law at Albright, just below South Omaha. Mrs. Crowe has admitted to a reporter that her husband was in South Omaha on the Saturday preceding the abduction. Diligent search is now being made around Albright for a buggy answering the description of the vehicle used by the abductors.

DESIRE FOR PURE DRUGS.

Pittsburg Apothecaries Charged

with Selling Adulterated Stuff. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, Dec. 26.-The state pharmaceutical board is determined that pure drugs shall be sold in the drug stores of the state. Today an agent of the board made information before Alderman F. M. King, charging some of the leading druggists of the two cities

with selling adulterated drugs. The names and addresses of the persons so charged areas follows: Charles L. Walther and R. J. McCready, of the Walther-Robertson Drug company; Charles L. Walther and Theodore Havekette, of the Walther Pharmacy company; H. M. Frazer and Charles Frazer, of the Frazier-Babst company; William J. Kiskadden and William Knorr.

TO ERECT HOME FOR MITCHELL Latest Move on Part of the United Mine Workers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Pre-s. Hazleton, Dec. 26.-The United Mine Workers of the Seventh anthra i e district, comprising the Hazleton region, will hold their annual convention Saturday, in this city. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and action will be taken on the proposition for the erection of a home for National President John Mitchell, in recognition of his work on behalf of the miners during the late strike.

The anthracite miners will contribuate all the funds needed for this project.

Two Children Cremated. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Ridgway, Pa., Dec. 26.—Two children were cremated today, at Shawmut, a mining town in this county, in a fire which also consumed to ashes tneir home. The father, William Beat-tie, works in the mines at night. He had retired for his daily rest to an upstairs room The mother was absent from the house. The two little ones, aged 3 and 20 months respectively, were playing in the kitchen and evi-dently meddled with the fire and caused the blaze. The father and an older child had narrow escapes.

Murder Near Macon.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Macon, Ga., Dec. 25.—Mrs. David Birdsong, wife of a well-known farmer living about six miles from this city, was murdered this morning at her home. The murderer is supposed to be John Battle, a negro laborer, and posses are now hunting for him.

MR. CONGER

The Note of the Powers Has Been Handed to the Chinese Peace Envous.

LI HUNG CHANG ABSENT

Occupation of Chi-Li and Pekin May Be Continued by Allies Until Demands Have Been Complied With. Position of the United States. Obstacle to Withdrawal of Euro- BRITISH REVERSES pean Troops.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.-In a cable message to the state department from Pekin, dated Dec. 24. United States Minister Conger says that the first formal meeting between the diplomatic representatives of foreign powers and Prince Ching took place on Dec. 24. The prince presented the credentials of himself and Li Hung Chang, who was unable to attend the mesting because of illness, and the diplomatic representatives handed to him

the international note. The officials of the state department are unwilling to venture a guess as to the length of time that will be consumed by the Chinese government in consideration of the note.

In the last article of the note the Chinese government was informed that the occupation of Chi-Li and Pekin may be continued until the Chinese government has complied with the terms of the powers. It may be said, however, that the United States government is not bound or affected by that condition. American occupancy, from a military point of view, has terminated, and there is no disposition to renew it. As for the other powers, it is expected that the main obstacle they will encounter in withdrawing will be found in the difficulty in obtaining satisfactory guarantees of the Chinese promise to pay indemnities.

ALLEGED DISCORD IN CHINA.

Trouble Between British and Germans-British Office's Denial.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 26.-In a dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Pekin, dated Monday, Dec. 24, it is said that much irritation has been caused by known that Pat Crowe was seen in South Omaha scarcely twenty hours before the abduction of Eddie Cuda- So acute has been the feeling, it is a well known citizen of South Omaha of the British seceding from the allied By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

The foreign office informed a repre sentative of the Associated Press today that there is no truth in the Pall Mall Gazette's Pekin dispatch which says there has been a question of the British seceding from the allied command, owing to the activity of the Germans in the districts under British protection.

DIED OF BROKEN HEART.

C. Metzgar, of Mountain Home Expires from Grief.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.-J. C. Metzgar, of Mountain Home, heart broken over the loss of his three children, died on Christmas morning. few weeks ago his two daughters, Minnie and Florence, died within a few hours of each other of diphtheria. and were buried in one grave A granddaughter also expired at the ame time, and her death was scon followed by that of a third dauligt r.

Emily. "Flease God, I'll go next," said the father, as he gazed on his last daughter. The man sat day after day with bowed head waiting for the summons that he prayed for so earnestly. Metzgar's wife died a few years ago.

PENNSYLVANIA STEEL CO.

TO BE REORGANIZED By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—The Evening Telegraph today says: "Plans for the reorganization of the Pennsylvania Steel company were completed today and will shortly be submitted to the stockholders. The company owns plants at Steelton, near Harrisburg, and at Sparrow Point, Md., besides owning all the cap stock of the Maryland Steel company and the Baltimore and Sparrow Point railroad, and fifty per cent. of the capital stock of the Juragua Iron company, Limited, a corporation

owning and operating iron mines in Cuba." Who Did Cleveland Vote For?

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Altoons, Pa., Dec. 26.-A controversy having arisen between two Atlanta newspapers over the charge by one of them that former President Cleveland had voted for McKinley at the last election, the Atlanta Journal today received in reply to a telegram an autograph letter from Mr. Cleveland in which he says he did not vote for President McKinley.

Morris Will Succeed Greene.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press New York, Dec. 26.—It is announced in Republican circles that Robert C. Morris, a well-known lawyer and chairman of the campaign committee of the Republican club, was today chosen by the local Republican leaders as the accessor of General Greene, as president of the Republican county committee. The election will be held tomorrow night.

Steamship Arrivals. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

New York, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Aller, Naples; Anchoria, Glasgow, Sailed: Bulgaria, Ham-burg: St. Louis, Southampton: Vaderland, Ant-werp, Liverpool—Arrived: Majestic, New York, Plymouth—Arrived: Graf Waldersee, New York for Hamburg via Cherhourg (and proceeded),

Vice President of D. and H. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press New York, Dec. 26.-At the regular monthly meeting of the board of managers of the Delaware and Hudson company here today David Wilcox was elected vice president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James Rossevelt.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather In lications Today.

General-Bryan Is Still Undismayed.

FAIR; WEST TO NORTWEST WINDS.

Testimony Before the Hazing Commission. Senator Hanna and the Ship Subsidy Bill. The Powers and the Note to China. General-Carbondale Department.

3 Local—Court Proceedings.
School Board Will Endeavor to Have Kennedy Act Repealed. Editorial.

Note and Comment.

Local-Incidents of the Trolleymen's Strike. Labor Men Do Missionary Work Among New-ly Arrived Trolley Men. Local-West Scranton and Suburban

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania

Local-Live Labor News

IN SOUTH AFRICA

A Suspicion Exists in London That England Is Being Lulled to Sleep by Censored Dispatches.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press London, Dec. 27, 2.30 a. m .- The pauity and obscurity of the dispatches from South Africa give rise to renewed anxiety. Apparently the disturbed area of Cape Colony extends further south than it did last December; and Lord Kitchener does not appear to have had much success as yet in driv-

ing back the invoders.

The war office had received no news last evening of the reported capture of Yeomanry near Britstown.

A Burgersdorp dispatch has a mys terious reference to "an unfortunate mistaking of the enemy for Brabant's Horse," which resulted in the sound ing of "cease fire" and enabled the Boers to occupy all the commanding positions, the British retiring from a difficult predicament.

General Clements' success against the Boers in the Magallesberg is all doubtful, the last dispatch received that it was considered advisable to force the Boers from their positions." The British press continues in the main optimistic, but the condition of affairs brings the enormous difficulties that will face Lord Kitchener in patrolling and policing such immense racts of country, even when the Boers

shall be finally subdued.

The Daily Mail, which makes a strong appeal to the government to "face the facts and send Lord Kit-chener more troops," says: "There is a real risk in being lulled to sleep

by carefully censored messages. FIRE IN CHICAGO STOCK YARDS

O'Leary Club House and Adjoining Property Destroyed. Chicago, Dec 26.-A stock yards fire early today caused a panic among the guests of the Transit house and resulted in the destruction of the well known O'Leary Club house, entailing losses estimated at \$60,000. Aside from the club house the building contained a white lead factory and a four-story gun factory and store, the contents of which were almost destroyel. The Transit hous across the street from the burned

buildings was at no time in danger. FIGHTING AGAINST ADDICKS.

Delaware Democrats Hope to Defeat Republican Senatorial Candidate. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Dover, Del., Dec. 26,-Democratic leaders from all parts of the stre were in conference today with all but three of the Democratic assemblymenelect. The meeting was a secret one. and at its conclusion it was said that the leaders advised the assemblymen to deal with the 'regular" or Dupont faction of the Republican legislators if necessary to prevent the election of

J. Howard Addicks to the United States senate.

\$100,000 FIRE AT CALGARY. Business Blocks Burned in North-

west Territory Town. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Calcary, N. W. T., Dec. 26 .- The most destructive fire in the history of Calgary occurred today. Several of the finest business structures were destroyed, notably the Clarence, Euclaire and New Norman block.

losses are estimated at \$100,000.

Receiver for Baltimore Bank. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Haltimore, Dec. 26.-Roger T. Gitt, of the law

Haltimore, Dec. 26.—Roger T. Gitt, of the law firm of N. Rugus Gili & Sons, was today appointed receiver for the Old Town bank by Judge Stockbridge. The appointment was made with the consent of the preddent and officers of the bank. Mr. Gill bended in the sum of \$1,500,000, the assets of the institution being valued at half that amount. George Schilling, a stockholder and depositor, and Robert L. Gill, a denositor, were the complainant. L. Gill, a depositor, were the

New York Bonds for Sale.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press New York, Dec. 26.-Controller Coler Joday opened bids for corporate stock of the city of New York to the amount of \$3,555,000, bearing three and one-half per cent, interest. The stock is payable in 1940 in gold coin and the conditions of the sale allowed no stock to be sold under par. Vermilye & Co., jointly with Harvey Fish & Co., bid 112 11-77ths for the whole or any part of the bonds and they probably will secure all of the bonds.

John Leisenring Ill. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Prest.

ring, of Upper Lehigh, this county, who has been seriously ill, was conveyed in a special train today over the Jersey Central railroad to Philadelphia, where he will remain for the winter.

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 26.-Hon, John Leisen

Drowned in Mill Pond. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. York, Pa., Dec. 2d.—Frank Corcoran, aged 13 years, son of Michael Corcoran, was skating on Louck's mill dam with a number of companions here, this afternoon. He broke through the ice and before he could be rescued was decreased.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SHIP BILL

Senator Hanna Is Willing to Aggent All of its Amendments—His Purposes Analyzed.

VIEWS ON THE SITUATION

Anxious Only to Have the Subsidy Principle Approved-Strong Sentiment in Senate Against the Measure as Drawn-Belief That Certain Steamship Lines Are Favored.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Washington, Dec.26-Senator Hanna is greatly disturbed by the waning chances of the ship subsidy bill. He has set his heart on seeing the bill passed by this congress and the indifference of some of his brother senators tries his patience. Although the bill was made the regular order of business the first day of the session and put ahead of everything except the canal treaty only three speeches have thus far been made on it-two in favor of it one by Hanna and one by Frye, and one against it, by Clay, of Georgia. The Christmas holidays arrived with no visible signs of progress, and a very apparent disposition on the part of leading Republicans to let the measure "slide" rather than endanger bills-appropriation, army reorganization, revenue reduction and

reapportionment. If it were not for Hanna there would be no serious opposition to the programme mapped out by the Republican managers. Mr. Frye is willing to let the subsidy bill take its chances after other necessary legislation. But Hanna sees things in a different light. He is more interested in the subsidy bill than in any other measure before congress, and he has warned other Republican senators that if they let the subsidy bill be side-tracked, they may find themselves with an extra session of congress on their hands in the

spring How Hanna will manage that is not entirely clear, for he can hardly expect that the president will call congress together merely to consider the subsidy bill, and he is not familiar enough with the machinery of legislation to get what he is after by indirect methods. The truth is that while a decided majority of the senate, including probably the entire Republican membership, is favorable to a ship subsidy, there are many Republicans, perhaps a majority of them, who doubt he wisdom of passing the pe They believe it is drawn on mistaken ideas, unduly favoring certain lines and falling to meet England-the commercial competitor whose subsidy grants ifford the strongest argument for subsidy grants to American ships-at the point where English shipping is most benefitted by subsidies. Many Republican senators recall that if it were not for the advantage English shipping derives from governmental aid there would be strong argument for subsidizing American shipping, and they are puzzled to explain why this being the case subsidies should not be given to fast mail steamships as in England,

leaving the freight service to follow Senator Hanna, to meet these and other objections, says that he is not at all particular about the peculiar form of the bill. He is anxious only to establish the principle of the subsidy, and that once established he will raise no objection to limitless amendments. He says he wants to have the bill fully and fairly considered, modified to suit the views of the majority in congress, whatever they may be, and passed. Upon that willingness to accept amendment the sole chance for the enactment of the measure lies. There is little disposition to push the bill in

its present form.

A DEFECTIVE FLUE. Caused Great Damage to the Home of John L. Moran.

The two-story frame dwelling on

Mohawk street. North Scranton, owned.

and occupied by John L. Moran, was damaged almost beyond repair by a fire which broke out at 5 o'clock last evening. The fire had obtained such headway before the fire companies arrived that

the building was almost entirely destroyed. A defective flue was the cause of the fire. Moran saved the greater part of

his household effects. DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Rev. Thomas Murphy, one of the most eminent Presbyterian clergymen of Philadelphia, and a leading writer of ecclesiastical literature, died today at his home after a brief illness from bronchial pneumonia. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 26.-A. H. Pierce, the richest cattle man in Texas, died today at Pierce station. He was many times a millionaire, with

widespread interest in Texas.

Treaton, Dec. 26.—Rev. Fidelis M. Volght, forverly Catholic chaplain of the New Jersey state prison, died at St. Francis hospital today of apoplexy, ared 45 years. Father Fidelis was a members of the order of Minor Conventuals and hesides being stationed at Trenton had served as rector at the Lady of Angels church in Albany and St. Joseph's church in Utica. His par-ents live in Jeffersonville, Ind., and have been

Santa Claus Held Up by Boers. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Zeerust, Transvaal, Dec. 24.-The Boers captured two wagons containing Christmas luxur-ics destined for the camp of Lord Methuen.

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Washington, Dec. 26.—Forecast for eastern Pennsylvania: Fair Thursday and Friday; fresh west to northwe